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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINT VS

SUB: THIEU' S ARMED FORCES DAY ADDRESS

REF: FBIS S190307

1. ON THE OCCASION OF ARMED FORCES DAY ( JUNE 19), PRESIDENT THIEU DELIVERED AN ADDRESS IN WHICH HE PRAISED THE MILITARY FOR ITS VICTORIES AND CALLED FOR CONTINUED VIGILANCE. ACCORDING TO THE TEXT OBTAINED THROUGH COOPERATION OF AP ( WHICH TAPED IT), THE PRESIDENT SAID " THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, CANNOT AFFORD TO NAIVELY BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE RENOUNCED THEIR PLOT OF AGGRESSION IN ORDER TO ALLOW GENUINE AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS LAND". AFTER PRAISING THE ARMED FORCES FOR DEFEATING THE COMMUNISTS IN 1972, AND THWARTING COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS TO  
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SEIZE LAND AND POPULATION SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE JANUARY  
CEASEFIRE ACCORD, THIEU TOLD HIS LISTENERS THAT ANOTHER  
COMMUNIST INVASION CAN BE AVOIDED ONLY BY MAINTAINING A  
STRONG MILITARY FORCE CAPABLE OF DEFEATING " ALL OF THE  
COMMUNISTS' AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES". ( SEE FBIS S190307 FOR  
TEXT OF IDENTICAL ORDER OF THE DAY READ ON LOCAL TV.)

2. HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS INCLUDED A TWO HOUR MILITARY PARADE  
FEATURING BRIGHT UNIFORMS, ARMOR DRIVE BY, AND OVER- FLIGHTS  
OF MASSED HELICOPTERS, TRANSPORT AND COMBAT AIRCRAFT.  
SEVERAL KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 50,000  
TURNED OUT FOR THE PARADE. TV GIVING HEAVY COVERAGE.  
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